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BUDGET ACTIVITY 6 - Management support					PROJECT 302			
COST (In Thousands)		FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Estimate	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Estimate
302 ARMY EVALUATION CENTER		43809	46527	62209	62013	72389	73097	74174

A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification: Funding has been increased in this program to support the augmentation of civilian authorizations from 195 to 324 for the Army Evaluation Center (AEC). This increase and the continued sustainment of it in FY2005 reflects the Army leadership's recognition that the number of systems being evaluated is increasing as is the complexity of those systems, such as the 18 Future Combat Systems (FCS) items to be concurrently evaluated as a System of Systems. The Army leadership decision is to fully support the requirements of AEC and its role as the Army's independent evaluator for both technical and operational tests of developmental systems for all Army acquisition programs. In addition, the Army leadership recognized the various benefits of an early involvement initiative. This initiative leverages science and technology that will lead to cost savings and design efficiencies early in a system's development, thereby avoiding more expensive product improvement programs later in a system's life cycle.

AEC provides independent and integrated technical and operational evaluations, and life-cycle Continuous Evaluation (CE) of assigned Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAP), Major Automated Information Systems, and In-Process Review (IPR) programs for major milestone decisions, materiel changes, and materiel releases in support of the Army Acquisition Executive and force development. AEC develops the evaluation strategy, designs technical and operational tests, and evaluates the test results to address a system's combat effectiveness, suitability, and survivability factors pertinent to the decision process, such as: Critical Operational Issues and Criteria (COIC), system performance, soldier survivability, performance in countermeasures, system survivability, reliability, supportability, etc. AEC has the lead in planning and execution of Army Live Fire Tests and Continuous Evaluations through its evaluation and test design responsibilities. The evaluations produced by AEC are required by the Army Acquisition Executive, other Army senior leaders and the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation for acquisition decisions. This project funds the salaries of civilian employees assigned to the evaluation and test design missions and associated costs including temporary duty, support contracts, supplies and equipment. This project does not finance test facility operations, test instrumentation or test equipment. ATEC's mission supports the Current to Future transition path of the Transformation Campaign Program.

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Accomplishments/Planned Program Support early involvement initiative which provides continuous supponeir programs. This initiative leverages science and technology that ystem's development, thereby avoiding more expensive product impend evaluation efficiencies will be gained through early identification of their resources needed for testing, as well as making more efficient to	can lead to cost savings and design efficiencies early in a provement programs later in a system's life cycle. Test of instrumentation, modeling and simulation tools, and	FY 2003 0	FY 2004 2906	FY <u>2005</u> 4876		
Provide integrated technical and operational evaluations and continuon formation systems, and IPR programs for major milestone decisions the Army Acquisition Executive and force development. Develop the ests, and evaluate the test results to address the combat effectiveneral ecision process, such as Stryker, FCS, RAH-66 Comanche, Warfight Cargo Helicopter (ICH CH-47), Army Airborne Command and Control HIMARS), Disbursed Common Ground System (DCGS), Advanced Foliasile, Suite of Integrated Infrared Countermeasures (SIRCM), Join Epirit- LITE (TS-LITE), Dry Support Bridge (DSB), Blackhawk Helicop APLA), Countermine Capability Set (CMCS) Group B-2, Family of Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV A4), Surface Launched Adv SLAMRAAM), and the Aerial Common Sensor (ACS). As the Army Integrated Program for developmental system (LOSAT). Prepare integrated System Evaluation Plans and corull Army weapon systems. Includes costs for 195 civilian authorization 1005.	s, materiel changes, and materiel releases in support of evaluation strategy, design technical and operational ess, suitability, and survivability factors pertinent to the ater Information Network- Tactical (WIN-T), Improved I System (A2C2S), High Mobility Artillery Rocket System Precision Kill Weapon System (APKWS), Common at Tactical Radio System Clusters 1 & 5 (JTRS), Trojan oter (UH-60M), Anti-Personnel Landmine Alternative ledium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV), Hercules, High Mobility vanced Medium Range Air to Air Missile system lead for Live Fire Test and Evaluation, plan and execute systems such as the FCS, Comanche and Line of Site Antinucut integrated technical and operational evaluations for	43809	42934	57333		
Small Business Innovative Research/Small Business Technology Tra	ansfer Programs	0	687	0		

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B. Program Change Summary	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Previous President's Budget (FY 2004)	37923	57074	57404
Current Budget (FY 2005 PB)	43809	46527	62209
Total Adjustments	5886	-10547	4805
Congressional program reductions		-10400	
Congressional rescissions			
Congressional increases			
Reprogrammings	5886	-147	
SBIR/STTR Transfer			
Adjustments to Budget Years			4805

Change Summary Explanation: Funding - FY 2003: Funding reprogrammed to support the Continuous Evaluation mission (+5886). FY 2004: Congressional reduction due to program growth (-10000).